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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT ODUBER ON JULY 28, I REFERRED TO THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT COSTA RICA HAS APPOINTED AN AMBASSADOR TO BE RESIDENT IN MOSCOW AND INQUIRED WHETHER THERE WAS SOME SPECIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH OCCASSIONED THE APPOINTMENT AT THIS TIME.

2. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT NOTHING NEW HAD HAPPENED, NOR WAS FORESEEN. HE HAD BEEN UNDER SOME DOMESTIC PRESSURE FOR SOME TIME TO FILL THE POST WHICH HAD BEEN VACANT SINCE COSTA RICA HAD AGREED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL RANK. HE SAID HE HAD VERY CAREFULLY SELECTED FOR THE POST SOMEONE WHO WOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN BY THE SOVIETS AND WHO WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT OBSERVER. HE THOUGHT THE POST WOULD BE OCCUPIED ONLY FOR A MATTER OF MONTHS.

3. THE PRESIDENT THEN ADDED THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAD SENT OUT FEELERS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH COSTA RICA AND OPENING AN EMBASSY HERE. HE HAD INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO TALK TO THE CHINESE BUT HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING AN EMBASSY TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE, NOR OF

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BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF

CHINA (TAIWAN).

4. THE PRESIDENT THEN ALSO SAID THAT SIMILARLY HE HAD NO
INTENTIONS OF ENTERING INTO RELATIONS WITH CUBA THIS YEAR NOR
UNTIL CUBA HAD TAKEN STEPS TO CORRECT MANY OF
THE THINGS WITH WHICH HE DISAGREES. TODMAN

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